. **GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Sri V. Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur District – Initiation of departmental proceedings u/r 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charge – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.610 **Date: 24 -08-2016.**
Read the following:-

From the C&DA, Hyd. Lr.No.Vig.II(2)135/2015, dated:15.7.2016.

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ORDER :-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said Sri V. Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule-20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). Statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour on which action is proposed to be taken against him as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Sri V. Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district is directed to submit a written statement of his defence within 15 days from the date of receipt of this G.O.

4. Sri V. Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district is further informed that an Inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Sri V. Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri V. Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district is invited to Rule -24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to him under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri V.Sridhar, the thenJoint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule -24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

T.VIJAY KUMAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT

To
Sri V. Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur District now working as JDA, O/o. Dir of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur. through the Director of Agriculture ,A.P, Guntur

Copy to:
The Director of Agriculture, A.P.,Guntur (with a request to serve the order on the charged officer and return the served copy with dated ack.,)
SC/Sf.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

Annexure-*I*

Statement of articles of Charge framed against Sri V. Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district.

Article:-I

"That the said Sri V. Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district, while functioning as J.D.A., Guntur during the Kharif 2014 in the Dist has failed to comply with the operation guidelines prescribed in FCO 1985 during the kharif season, 2014 to monitor the dealer outlets in Vinukonda Division with a view to secure smooth supplies, movement and distribution of Fertilisers. He also failed to produce information to the Squad Team at the time of inspection i.e. rake wise allotment of fertilizers made to the dealers and Markfed approved by the District Collector. He also failed to communicate allotment copies of fertilizers to all the divisional ADAs, leading to failure in monitoring the sale and distribution of fertilisers at MRPs to the farmers and also leading to monopoly of few wholesalers in the District.

Thus, he was negligent in discharging his duties and not devoted to duty in violation of the provisions of Rule-3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

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Annexure-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of the articles of charge framed against Sri V.Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur

That Sri V. Sridhar, while functioning in the aforesaid office, as per the orders of the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad a team of six members from the O/o. C&DA,A.P., Hyderabad have proceeded to Vinukonda Division, Guntur District from 12th to 14th November, 2014 for conduct of inspections of fertiliser dealer outlets.

The following dealer premises and connected godowns were inspected by the team along with the local MAO and ADA(R) Vinukonda.

1. Rama Krishna Traders, 2. Venkata Ramana Traders, 3. Pasupathi Fertilisers, 4. Ravi Traders, 5.Lakshmi Sai Traders, 6. Universal Traders, 7. Lakshmi Venkata Srinivasa Traders, 8. Sri Vasavi Traders, 9. Lalitha Traders, 10. Sri Srinivasa Fertilisers and Pesticides , 11. Sai Krishna Traders, 12. Guntur District Cooperative Marketing Societyand 13.PACS,Savalyapuram and Nuzendla.

Godown Points:

1. Lakshmi Sri Prasannanjaneya Fertilisers,2. Sri Sai Fertilisers and Pesticides, 3. Sri Lakshmi Sai Traders, 4. Sri Prasannanjeneya Fertilisers, 5. Lakshmi Narasimha Manure Depot. 6. Pasupathy Fertilisers, 7. Saraswathi Fertilisers, 8. Vasavi Traders, 9. Vankateswara Fertilisers and 10.Rama Krishna Traders.

The Inspection team observed the following specific lapses:

- The District Administration has failed to comply with the operational guidelines issued with a view to secure smooth supplies, movement and distribution of fertilizers which is major violation on the part of District Administration.

- The team has requested the JDA, Guntur to provide the details of rake wise allotment of fertilisers made to the dealers and MARKFED duly signed by the District Collector, but the JDA, Guntur has not provided to the team during the inspection.

- APMARKFED and GDCMS, Guntur are supplying stocks to the private dealers which is a clear contravention of operational guidelines;

- This has also led to monopoly of few wholesalers resulting in more than two intermediate transactions hence, resulting in sale of Urea at over and above the MRPs.

Therefore, it is evident that Sri V. Sridhar, JDA who is working at that time in Guntur Dist shown gross negligence in his duties which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964

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Annexure-III

List of documents by which articles of charge framed against Sri V.Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district presently working as JDA (Extension) O/o. Dir of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur is proposed to be sustained.

1. Inspection Report of Squad team dt.17.11.2014 O/o. Dir of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad

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Annexure-IV

List of witness by which article of charge framed against Sri V.Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district presently working as JDA (Extension) O/o. Dir of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur is proposed to be sustained.

1. As per Inspection report dt.17.11.2014 of Squad team, O/o. Dir of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad.

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Section officer.